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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Election and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006 setting a one-month period for response. Reconsideration is requested.

Applicants <u>elect group I</u>, <u>claims 1-27</u>, for further prosecution, with traverse on the grounds that searching each of the groups would not prove unduly burdensome.

Claim Amendments

No claims are amended, but claim 28 is withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is believed that each of the claims remaining in the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection and to pass the application to issue. The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7318 to discuss any questions relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: $\frac{3/6/06}{}$

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